



Resolution of the City Council *City of San Diego*

ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH

January 2011

Presented by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Tony Young

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS are sponsoring **ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO**, a campaign to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in San Diego by bringing our diverse City together around one monumental book; and

WHEREAS, **ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO** is an open invitation to everyone who lives, works, or visits San Diego to read and discuss the book "The Gangster We Are All Looking For", the acclaimed novel revealing the life of a Vietnamese family in America through the knowing eyes of a child finding her place and voice in a new country; and

WHEREAS, "The Gangster We Are All Looking For", authored by lê thi diem thúy, is a true-life novel about a Vietnamese refugee family in San Diego, told from the perspective of the family's daughter, who is just six years old when they arrive. The narrator and her parents struggle to adapt to life in an unfamiliar land, while simultaneously dealing with a troubled marriage, a father's mysterious past, and the loss of a brother, in this painful, magical, and poetic novel; and

WHEREAS, **ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO** promotes an appreciation for reading and encourages discussions about books and important community issues; and

WHEREAS, during the months of January through April, 2011, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will host a series of community events, lectures, television, and radio programming designed to encourage San Diegans of all ages and walks of life to read and discuss "The Gangster We Are All Looking For"; and

WHEREAS, these events will offer individuals and families the opportunity to join together for lively conversation and the exchange of ideas to bring the community together through literature. **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the month of JANUARY, 2011, be "**ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH**" in the City of San Diego.



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MAYOR

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